

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of: Rajiv Yadav Ranjan : Confirmation No.: 2760  
Serial No.: 10/776,203 : Art Unit: 1795  
Filed: 2/12/2004 : Examiner: Rodney Glenn  
For: METHOD & McDonald  
APPARATUS FOR  
MULTI-STAGE SPUTTER  
DEPOSITION OF  
UNIFORM THICKNESS  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Appeal filed September 24, 2009 and the Office Action mailed April 24, 2009 for the above captioned patent application, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully file a Request for Continued Examination in the above captioned patent application.